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MEMORANDUM FOR: Leslie Dirks
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Revision of DCID Series

See:

1. I have been assigned the task of seeing to a review of the existing DCID series to see what revisions may be called for now that we have Executive Order 12333. I have been directed to leave the question of the NSCID's to one side for the time being and try to construct a DCID series (derived from the comprehensive statements of the DCI's duties, authorities, and responsibilities in the Executive Order) which would stand on its own.

2. I respectfully request you to review activities under your aegis or in which you have a stake from the following perspective:

- a. Are there new activities which require a new DCID?
- b. Which of the existing DCID's require major or minor revisions?
- c. Which of the DCID's are outmoded and should be rescinded?

3. In your case, NPIC now rests solely on the authority of NSCID 8. Should the NSCID's be rescinded, can NPIC be ensconced in a DCID as an assigned service of common concern?

4. I stand ready at your early convenience to discuss this review with you or your designee. May I ask that you consult me before undertaking any extensive external consultation. I want to avoid the creation of any Community task force and to rely on informal consultation rather than formal concurrence machinery. I take it that the DCI has the authority to issue directives in his own right.

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